



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 19<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER BATTALION  
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121



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Dear Soldiers:

Welcome to Fort Knox and the 19th Engineer Battalion. The 19th Engineer Battalion is the first ever modular engineer battalion under the Future Engineer Force as part of the vast transformation in the US Army Corps of Engineers. You now have an awesome opportunity to be take part in the founding of this organization as we blaze new trails through history. Bottom line, we are building this battalion from the ground up and immediately preparing for war, so expect the pace to be fast and furious.

The 19th is a modular engineer headquarters, consisting of construction effects including the 15th Horizontal Company, 60th Vertical Company, 76th Vertical Company, and 72nd Survey and Design Detachment. The battalion also has an organic Forward Support Company and Headquarters Support Company, making it a self-sustaining, deployable unit.

Fort Knox is a great place to live and serve, located adjacent to the city of Radcliff and in close proximity to the cities of Elizabethtown and Louisville. The post itself is currently home to the US Army Armor Center and School, US Army Recruiting Command, the US Gold Bullion Depository, and many other tenant units. Fort Knox also features a Post Exchange, Commissary, first-rate housing, excellent community schools, and many of the other amenities commonly associated with military life. More information is available online at [www.knox.army.mil](http://www.knox.army.mil), to include a special page for newcomers at [www.knox.army.mil/newcomer.htm](http://www.knox.army.mil/newcomer.htm).

A little about the history of our battalion. The 19th Engineer Battalion originated as the 3rd Battalion of the 36th Engineer Combat Regiment in 1942. During World War II, the battalion fought campaigns throughout Africa and Europe, participating in five amphibious landings. The battalion was designated the 19th Engineer Combat Battalion in April 1947. Throughout the Vietnam conflict, the 19th fought in several offensives including the 1968 and 1969 Tet Counter-Offensives. The 19th also contributed to the massive success that was Operation Desert Storm in 1991. From 1975 to 1997, the 19th made its home at Fort Knox before being inactivated.

Your assignment to the 19th Engineer Battalion provides an opportunity to be on the cutting edge of military engineering, learn and grow in the profession of arms, and enjoy the great things 19th Engineers and Fort Knox have to offer you and your family. You will be assigned a sponsor, who will be in touch with you and will be able to answer any questions you may have about the unit, post, and surrounding community.

"Bridle and Reins - Stand Tall"

Sincerely,

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//  
Courtney W. Paul,  
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Commanding